

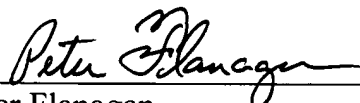
REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 27, 2006, has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action is a "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121)." The Office Action took the position that the amendment filed November 14, 2005, is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. The present Application is a reissue application, and therefore 37 C.F.R. 1.121 is not applicable. Instead, 37 C.F.R. 1.173 applies, and the amendment filed November 14, 2005, is fully compliant with 37 C.F.R. 1.173. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, and timely consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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